Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—It is not possible to institute an enquiry into this matter. We cannot take any action on vague statements in the Press or the platform.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—I only say that only specific complaints should be taken notice of. When vacancies occur, they are being filled up with persons who are qualified for that post, instead of appointing a person belonging to a particular class which is not adequately represented so as to make representation equal.

President.—Action can only be taken on specific complaints from people.

Mr. P. Damodara Menon.—Not otherwise.

Mr. C. A. Ouseph.—So the Government are not going to see that proper representation is given, unless particular complaints from individuals are made.

The Police Commissioner and the Constables.

330. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—(a) Did the Police constables of Trichur put in a petition to the Commissioner in Kumbham last requesting personal interviews, etc.?

(b) (i) Was a constable dismissed, suspended and reinstated for submitting this petition?

(ii) What are the reasons for these actions?

(c) When were the salaries of the Town Police constables paid for the month of Vrischigam 1100? What was the cause of so much delay?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—(a) Yes.

(b) (i) The constable was first dismissed, and on reconsideration the dismissal order was converted into one of suspension for six months.

(ii) The constable concerned obtained by misrepresentation the signatures of several constables to a petition protesting against the new beat system introduced into towns. For this he was dismissed.

(c) On the 5th Dhanu 1100. There was no unusual delay.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there any hard and fast rule regarding the sending of petitions to the Commissioner of Police? It is said that a constable was dismissed for petitioning.

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—The reasons for the dismissal is given in (2).

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